



APRIL, 2015

BRIMFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

From the desk of Robert Keller...

Winter is finally showing signs of releasing its frigid grip on Northeast Ohio and we are seeing potholes everywhere. Frost damage occurs when there are connecting days of below-zero temperatures and the frost goes deeper into the ground, heaving up large sections of roadway. Our road crews are busy patching holes with cold patch mix, but will switch to hot patch mix once the asphalt plants open for the season. It's a continuing cycle because of our winter weather.

Adequate funding for road maintenance is an issue that we have faced for many years in Brimfield. Five years ago, the voters agreed to a 0.95 mill levy for road maintenance and reconstruction. That levy will expire at the end of 2015. **Issue #1** will be on the ballot for your vote on May 5, 2015, **and is a renewal levy and not a new tax.**

During the past five years, we have completed the reconstruction of Cline Rd., Howe Rd. (SR 43 to the Summit Co. line), Saxe Rd. (west of Sunnybrook Rd.) and Sunnybrook Rd., (north of Tallmadge Rd. to the City of Kent line). Roads were resurfaced in the Beechcrest and Evergreen Acres allotments. Projects planned for this summer will be the reconstruction of Congress Lake Rd., and depending on bid prices, resurfacing a portion of Mosser Estates (McTaggart Blvd., Selnik Rd., Grace Rd., Lor-Ron Dr., and Irish Rd.).

If Issue #1 is successfully renewed, the following roads have been identified as being in the most critical need for repair and/or resurfacing: Dussel Rd., Arthur Rd., Martha Rd., Boydell Rd., Meadowview Dr., Morrow Rd., Morley Dr., Neville Dr., Queenstown Rd., Olmsby Dr., and Pelham Dr. Once the sewer project is completed on Lynnwood Dr., the intent is to resurface that road as well.

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**Brimfield Historical
Society and Kelso
House Events**

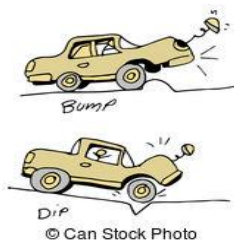
Earth Day & Recycling

Trustee Meetings

Parks & Recreation

BPD Senior Breakfast

BFD Improvements



Other roads under consideration for repair and/or resurfacing, if funds are available are: Estes Dr.(north of Howe Rd.), Brimfield Dr., South Beal Dr., Shermanwood Rd., and Chestnut Dr. We will be applying for grant funds to resurface Sherman Rd., Meloy Rd., and Edson Rd. In addition, spot repairs are needed throughout Brimfield, even in the newer residential neighborhoods.

Issue #1 is a renewal of an existing 0.95 road levy. Money used by this levy can only be used for the construction and/or maintenance of roads and bridges. **The cost to the owner of \$100,000.00 fair market value home would continue to be \$29.77 a year for 5 years. Issue #1 will not increase your taxes.** In the meantime, drive carefully!



Brimfield Historical Society and Kelso House Museum April Calendar of Events



The Brimfield Historical Society and Applebee's have teamed up again this year with their Dining to Donate program to help support Field High School seniors with BHS' College Scholarship Program. When you dine at Applebee's at the Cascades of Brimfield on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, between 11:00 am and 9:00 pm, 15% of your check will be donated to this worthy cause. Flyers must be presented and are attached to this newsletter, can be picked up at the Kelso House Office, or printed from our website at: http://brimfieldohio.gov/files/2914/2712/9970/Scholarship_Flyer.pdf

Saturday, April 4, 2015, is the annual Kelso Easter Egg Hunt! There will be egg-hunting in four age groups with one prize being awarded in each age group: a special basket sponsored by the Brimfield Police Department. Bring your camera for photos with the Easter Bunny. There will also be a Petting Zoo. Raffle Baskets, Gift Bags, and refreshments will be available for purchase to help defray the cost of the event. Kelso is also proud to be a food and donation drop-off location for the Brimfield Community Cupboard during this event to help provide Easter food baskets for families in our community. The Egg Hunt runs from 10:00 a.m. to noon, regardless of the weather. Come on out for this annual fun kick-off to spring!



The Historical Society and Kelso House continue their Lyceum Series on April 23, 2015 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Fred Endres, a retired professor of journalism from Kent State University, wrote a documentary on the once popular vacation spot, Lake Brady Amusement Park. Fred is also a Portage County Historical Society board member and will be sharing photos and history of this once well-known amusement park.

April 29, 2015 is the Kelso Open House and Ballroom Exhibit Re-Opening hosted by the BHS board. Please join them to see the changes the museum has made. If weather permits, the outbuildings will also be open to tour. Gretchen Quinn will be giving talks at 4:00, 5:00, and 6:00 pm on the changes in the Kelso House ballroom. The history of how ballrooms were used within our community will also be discussed. Light refreshments will be served.

Earth Day



April 22, 2015



Reuse, Reduce, Recycle



First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day 2015 is April 22. This annual event is celebrated with day events worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It is now celebrated globally in more than 192 countries.

Recycling is one of the easiest ways we as individuals and community can help preserve our environment. **Reuse, Reduce, Recycle** is more than just a slogan and is something we all can do to make a difference.

Recycling is provided by the service you currently have or can be taken to the Portage County Recycling Center, 3588 Mogadore Road, Kent, Ohio, phone: 330-678-8808. Portage County Recycling Center has containers marked for each category of recyclables and is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Listed below are items that can be recycled:

1. Glass – Jars and Bottles only – all colors
2. Cans, Aluminum, Steel, and bi-metal cans from food and beverages, empty dry paint cans
3. Plastic – Beverage and Laundry Product Bottles marked with a #1 (PET) or #2 (HDPE) on the bottom
4. Paper – Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs, Office Paper, Junk Mail, and Paperboard boxes
5. Cardboard – Clean corrugated without wax coating or foil

April Township Trustee Meetings Scheduled

Our April Township Trustee meetings are Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday April 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Brimfield Township Administration Building.

Just a reminder that all scheduled Township Trustee Meetings and meeting minutes can be found on our website, www.brimfieldohio.gov.



Time to Think About Graduation Parties, Family Fun, Class Reunions

Parks and Recreation Rentals Available

It may not seem like it but I promise, spring really is just around the corner! Well, ok, maybe spring is down the road apiece but it will make its way to Brimfield eventually. After such a long and grueling winter, we are all ready to spend as much time outside as possible and Brimfield offers some inviting spaces to do just that.

Whether planning a graduation or birthday party, family reunion, or just a casual weekend picnic, our Parks and Recreation Department can accommodate your activity with shelter rentals available for individuals or groups.

Our enclosed shelter house holds up to 49 people, has lighting, electricity and lots of windows. We also offer an open air pavilion, as well as soccer, baseball and volleyball fields.

For a small wedding, music performance or just a small evening get-together, the Gazebo in the Town Square is also available for rent. It also has lighting and electricity.

The sports fields book up quickly as does the enclosed shelter house so make your plans as soon as possible.

For more information and rental rates, please visit our website at <http://brimfieldohio.gov/rentals/> or contact Wendi O'Neal at 330-678-0739 extension 32 or via email: woneal@brimfieldohio.gov.

Come out and enjoy!

Brimfield Police Senior Breakfast Scheduled



Wake up and smell the coffee with the officers of The Brimfield Police Department at their annual Senior Breakfast April 29 and April 30, 2015, starting at 8:30 am at Applebee's in the Cascades of Brimfield.

All senior residents of Brimfield signed up with the Senior Check Program will receive invitations to this event during the first week of April.

Bring your appetites and enjoy! For further information, please contact the Brimfield Police Department at 330-673-7716.

Brightening up the Brimfield Fire Station



Chief Mullaly and the fire crew recently spent time repainting the fire station. They did a fabulous job! Thank you for caring and taking the time! It looks ever so much better!

Township Newsletter Update

A big thank you to all who emailed me requesting to receive the Brimfield Township newsletter each month via email. While the newsletter is a work in progress, I am continually working on improving it each month.

Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions, questions or to receive the newsletter on a monthly basis: Jendy Miller – 330-678-0739 or email: jmiller@brimfielddohio.gov.

Spring Break for Field Local Schools

Just a reminder that Field Local Schools are on Spring break from March 30, 2015 through April 3, 2015. Please drive carefully, especially through our neighborhoods as children will probably be enjoying being outside this week!



Happy Easter!

Easter Sunday is April 5, 2015 and for all who celebrate, we hope you have very blessed and

HAPPY EASTER!



Dining To Donate

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*Brimfield Historical Society
College Scholarship Program
For Local High School Seniors*

Needs Your Support
Applebee's® will donate 15% of your check when you dine at

*Brimfield Applebee's
220 Tallmadge Rd.*

Present this to your server

*April 1, 2015
11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.*



Donation percentage excludes tax and tip. Valid ONLY at above mentioned location during specified hours. Must present flyer in order for organization to receive credit for purchase.
Flyers are not to be distributed in the restaurant or within the perimeter of the parking lot. Doing so will result in a voided event.



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